

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
OCTOBER 22, 2012**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Monday, October 22, 2012, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member David Prechtel	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Engineer Technician Scott Schnell, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Building Commissioner/Zoning Administrator Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 9, 2012. Thereafter, a **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Mayor Seitz to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**HALLOWEEN REMINDERS**

Mayor Seitz reminded everyone that Halloween at Central Green is scheduled for October 28, 2012 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Children ages 12 and under are invited to attend.

Seitz also reminded everyone that Halloween trick-or-treat hours are set for Wednesday, October 31, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Children are asked to only go to houses that have an outside light on.

**FUTURE HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS**

Mayor Seitz suggested setting Halloween trick-or-treat hours for 2013 and future years on October 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to set future Halloween trick-or-treat hours for October 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and only go to doors that have porch lights on. Motion carried 3-0.

### **DECEMBER MEETING RESCHEDULED**

Mayor Seitz reminded everyone that the second meeting in December 2012 is scheduled for Wednesday, December 26 because of the Christmas holiday.

In 2013 the second meeting in December falls on a City holiday. In order to put meeting information on the City calendar, Mayor Seitz recommended scheduling the second meeting in December 2013 for Monday, December 23.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to move the second meeting in December 2013 to Monday, December 23. Motion carried 3-0.

### **TURKEY TROT 5K RUN**

Kristin Gutgsell, representing Health Pointe, said they are hosting the annual Turkey Trot 5K run on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. The route begins at Health Pointe, travels north on St. Charles Street to 36<sup>th</sup> Street and returns the same route. Gutgsell said they usually have about 300 participants.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to permit Health Pointe to have the Turkey Trot on November 22, 2012 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.

### **BANNERS/FLAGS ON BRIDGE**

Mayor Seitz said Holy Family, along with other past requesters, has asked to place banners from the bridge or place flags in the flag holders along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Seitz said the location of the banners would be under INDOT's control. Since the State gave the Chamber restricted use of the flag holders, Seitz recommended not allowing others to place flags on the bridge.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel not to allow the use of flags on the bridge because of the restricted use given to the Chamber by the State. Motion carried 3-0.

### **POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT**

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett distributed a copy of the September 2012 police activity report for board members to review.

### **PLANT TREES ON CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle asked permission for a group of people interested in trees to plant nine new trees on certain City right-of-way and replace nine trees this Saturday, weather permitting. The locations for the new trees are: one on each of two corners at 5<sup>th</sup> and Mill, two between the police and fire station, two between McCrillus and 6<sup>th</sup>, and three by 7<sup>th</sup> and Anderson.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give permission for the planting of nine new trees in City right-of-way in conjunction with replacing nine trees. Motion carried 3-0.

### **REPORTS**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported that the annual supply bid packets are prepared and are available in the Clerk-Treasurer's Department. A notice to bidders will appear in the Herald on October 23 and 30.

Eckerle also reported that curbside leaf pickup has started. Leaves will be picked up on the same day that one has his trash picked up and should be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. He reminded everyone not to place debris such as branches and rock in the leaf piles because the debris could damage the leaf machines.

### **BID**

Engineer Technician Scott Schnell said City Engineer Chad Hurm reviewed the bid for the South Newton Storm Sewer Project that was opened at the last meeting and recommended accepting the bid submitted by Blankenberger Brothers Inc. City Attorney Renee Kabrick said the wage scale that was adopted earlier was forwarded to the bidder but the bid did not change.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the bid from Blankenberger Brothers Inc for \$276,825.00 for the South Newton Storm Sewer Project. Motion carried 3-0.

### **USE FIRE STATION FOR A BENEFIT**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang on behalf of Volunteer Firefighter Zach Leinenbach asked permission to use the 6<sup>th</sup> Street fire station for a benefit for Eli Martin and Emily Truelove on Saturday, November 17, 2012. Martin and Truelove are children of emergency personnel and the fundraiser is to help with medical expenses for these two individuals.

A **motion** was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by David Prechtel to allow the use of the 6<sup>th</sup> Street fire station for a benefit for two emergency personnel family members. Motion carried 3-0.

### **HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS**

Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the locations that have been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

Owner: Michael and Pamela Hoover, 1224 S CR 625 E, Milan, IN 47031  
Location: 1823 Mill Street

Owner: Juan and Julie Garcia, 209 N Washington, Huntingburg, IN 47542  
Location: 2411 Terry Lane

**REPLAT OF LOTS 52-59 OF CANTERBURY GREEN II**

Phil Buehler with Brosmer Land Surveying presented a plat known as Replat of Lots 52-59 of Canterbury Green II. The area was eight lots and now the developer is making that area into seven lots.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to accept the Replat of Lots 52-59 of Canterbury Green II. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by David Prechtel to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with X without corrections or clarification this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

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**Mayor Terry Seitz**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**